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GLANCE AT ANTIQUITY NO. 2

The first number of this series appeared ten issues ago honoring Ruritania. Now we present Brobdingnag, making a copy of the first issue of it available to the Diplomacy public. Brobdingnag was first published by Dick Schultz in May 1964, making him the fourth Diplomacy editor to come along. The 'zine was continued by John McCallum with issue #25 until he in turn transferred Brobd to Ed Halle with issue #90. (While John was editor, Brobd became one of THE Dippy 'zines and carried some of the best rulee and rating discussions of the day.) After Ed's reign, Brobd went into limbo until Rod Walker briefly took it over from issue #109-115 before transferring it to Bob Ward, Brobd's current editor. This thus gives Brobd the record by far for the most consecutive editors of any Dippy 'zine. In case any of you are interested, Brobd can now be obtained from Bob at: 8665 Florin Rd #176, Sacramento, Cal. 95828. A subscription runs 10 issues for \$1.00. Also, John McCallum still may have some back issues of Brobd during its heyday of "rule and ratings." You might write him at: PO Box 52, Ralston, Alberta, Canada.

Brobdingnag was originally set up for 1964C. This game has since become possibly the most famous postal Diplomacy game ever played, giving rise to the now-famous "Eric Blake hoax." What seemed to be a normal victory by John Boardman turned out, a year after the game's conclusion, to be an incredible put-on when John admitted in Graustark #130 to using the pseudonym of "Eric Blake." This may not seem incredible in itself, but if you will turn the page and look at the roster of entries, you will see that in 1964C John Boardman played England and "Eric Blake" played Turkey! In other words, John played two positions at once unbeknownst to the other players!

John McCallum printed a very interesting write-up on this whole affair in Brobdingnag #68 of 7 September 1967. His summary of the game itself appears below:

1964C: The game, to outward appearances, followed a rather traditional course; Boardman's England allied with Jim Goldman's France, against Derek Nelson's Germany. Paul Harley's Russia also joined in the attack on Germany, leaving his home territory nearly defenceless. Russia fell very easily before a Boardman-"Blake," or Anglo-Turkish, attack. Turkey then pressed on against Austria-Hungary and easily destroyed it. In the west, war broke out between the erstwhile allies, Boardman's England and Goldman's France. In the east, "Eric Blake" now had to face only Len Bailes' Italy. Bailes put up an able defence and fought well against vastly superior numbers. However, the conclusion of that campaign was foredoomed. When I took over management of the game, in Winter 1908, Italy had two forces left and obviously could not long survive. The Anglo-Turkish, or Boardman-"Blake," alliance against Russia had been continued against Austria, and was not in full force against France. The latter, played by Goldman, had, when I took over the 'zine, about a third of the forces on the board and was at war with both England and Turkey, each of whom also had about a third of the forces on the board. What would normally have happened here would have been for the power in the middle to try to break the alliance pattern by supporting one or other of his enemies against the other. Needless to say, with England and Turkey controlled by the same brain that did not happen here. France was rapidly whittled down between the two giants. (Edited.)

BROBDINGNAG #1

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"Winter 1900-1901"

May 9 1964

ARMS RACE NEARS ITS CLIMAX AS GREAT POWERS MOBILIZE FORCES

This is BROBDINGNAG number one, the bulletin for Postal Diplomacy Game 1964C. Players are given their countries in this issue, and actual play begins in the next issue.

The editor of this journal and Gamesmaster (i.e.-Referree) of 1964C is: Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Michigan (48234) USA.

Copies of BROBDINGNAG are obtainable by non-players at the rate of 10 for \$1.00, or 7/-. British parties interested in receiving future issues may subscribe through Ken Cheslin, 18, New Farm Road, Stourbridge, Worcs., ENGLAND.

Players receive their copies via air-mail, all others by 3-rd class mail. Overseas parties will be sent theirs first class.

In order to promote interest in this game and in postal diplomacy in general, this issue is receiving distribution through RURITANIA, FREDONIA, GRAUSTARK and OMPA.

GRAUSTARK and FREDONIA are other Postal Diplomacy bulletins, both edited by John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. (11218) USA. They are obtainable at the rate of 10 for \$1.00.

RURITANIA comes from Dave McDaniels/Ted Johnstone, 10629 Ayres, Los Angeles, California (90064) at the same ol' 10 for \$1.00.

Overseas readers are advised to write the editors concerned on possible "deals" wherein British stf might be traded for subs, etc.

Copies of the rule-book for DIPLOMACY are probably still obtainable from John Boardman at \$1.00 apiece, maps .05¢ apiece extra. Write him if you're interested.

Now then.... Thanks to the speedy action of the players in this game, particularly Herr Koning, this bulletin is coming out Saturday the 9th of May. To allow time for the initial setting-up of alliances and so forth, the deadline for the next issue is May 30, 1964. After that, two weeks only will be allowed between plays, according to the generally accepted rules of Postal Diplomacy (see GRAUSTARK #17).

Press Releases will be printed in BROBDINGNAG as space allows, according to interest of the material and editorial whim. When some point of play is in doubt, questions by players and subscribers alike are requested. Non-players are invited to send in "Neutral" Press Releases, bearing in mind that interest and space must as always determine whether they'll be printed in this little bulletin.

And now for what we've all been waiting for. The players! As per usual procedure all country assignments were chosen by lot.

ENGLAND: John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn (11218) N.Y., USA.
FRANCE: James Goldman, 45 Hamilton Avenue, East Paterson, N.J., USA.
GERMANY: Derek Nelson, 18 Granard Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.
ITALY: Len Bailes, 1729 Lansdale Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.
AUSTRIA: Ron Daniels, 708 Park Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio (44510) USA.
RUSSIA: John Koning, 318 South Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio (44509) USA.
TURKEY: Erie Blake, P.O. Box 26, Jamaica 31, N.Y., USA.

By the way, This Is A KriFenTat Publication, being #44 of a long and glorious series. Distributed with the June '64 OMPA mailing.

In the interests of greater authenticity in the players Press Releases, I'm borrowing a page from John Boardman and listing the reigning monarchs and leading figures of each of the combatant powers. The names are given in the following order:

Reigning monarch, age, and dynasty; heir to the throne and relationship to the monarch; Prime Minister; Minister of Foreign Affairs; War or Defense Minister; Navy Minister.

Note that France, as a Republic, has no monarch and therefore no heir apparent. Also, that due to the Ausgleich of 1866, Austria and Hungary have separate prime ministers though a common foreign and military policy.

ENGLAND: King Edward VII, 59, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, or House of Windsor. George, Prince of Wales, 35, son. Marquis of Salisbury. Marquis of Lansdowne. W. St. John Broderick. Earl of Selborne.

FRANCE: President Emile Loubet. --- Waldeck-Rousseau. Delcasse. General Andre. Ode Linssen.

GERMANY: Kaiser Wilhelm II, 42, Hohenzollern. Crown Prince Wilhelm, 18, son. Graf B. von Bulow. Baron Dr. von Richtofen. Graf B. von Bulow. Admiral von Tirpitz.

ITALY: King Vittorio-Emanuele III, 31, Savoy. Prince Emanuele, Duke of Aosta, 32, first cousin. G. Saracco. Marquis E. Visconti-Venosta. General Count C. Panza di San Martino. Admiral C. Morin.

AUSTRIA: Kaiser Franz-Josef I, 70, Habsburg-Lorraine. Archduke Franz Ferdinand, 37, grand-nephew. Dr. F. von Koerber (in Austria). Koloman von Szell von Duka and Saint-Gyurgyvölgye (in Hungary). Graf A. Goluchowski von Goluchowo. Baron E. von Krief-Hammer. Baron H. von Spaun.

RUSSIA: Tsar Nicholas II, 32, Romanov. Grand Duke Mikhail, 22, brother. J.N. Durnovo. Count Lamsdorf. General Kuropatkin. Admiral Tyrtov.

TURKEY: Abdul Hamid I, Sultan, 58, Osman(Ottoman). Mohammed, 56, brother. Halil Rifat Pasha. Ahmed Tewfik Pasha. Riza Pasha. Hassan Pasha.

For further information on the dynasties and administrations of these and other nations, consult the Almanach de Gotha for the relevant years. If your local library system does not have the AdG, look up a good history of your nation and work from that if possible. "The Fall of The House Of Habsburg" is highly recommended to Herr Daniels.

Also, by the way, Alexander I was King in Serbia, Ferdinand of Koburg was King in Bulgaria.

Remember; The deadline is May 30th, 1964.

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